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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. Jayaram et al. Attorney Docket No.: WSUR114741
Application No.: 09/888,055 Group Art Unit: 2125
Filed: June 21, 2001 Examiner: C.R. Ortiz-Rodriguez
Title: VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY DESIGN ENVIRONMENT (VADE)

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows:
- X a. Please consider the Amendment/Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 22, 2004.
- X 2. Other document enclosed as follows: Notification of Change of Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2).
- X 3. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated August 22, 2003, set to expire on November 22, 2003, be extended by 3 months, to expire on February 22, 2004. The 2-month extension fee for a small entity (\$210) has already been paid and is thus to be deducted from the fee now due. Applicant is now a large entity. The 3-month extension fee for a large entity (\$950) minus the amount already paid (\$210) is \$740, the total extension fee due with this request.
- X 4. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

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COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee		-		=	x			=	770
Total Claims	28	-	28	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	86	=	0
Extension-of-Time						+	740		740
TOTAL									\$1,510

- X 5. Check No. 153927 in the amount of \$1,510.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X 6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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